

SYSTEM OF LINEAR EQUATIONS

MODEL QUESTIONS WITH SOLUTIONS

Q(1). Show that there is only one value of k for which the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}2x + y - z &= 0 \\(k-2)x + ky + 2z &= 0 \\6x + 3y + (k-1)z &= 0\end{aligned}$$

has non trivial solution. Solve the system of equations for this value of k .

Solution:

$$\text{Let } \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ k-2 & k & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & k-1 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$R_3 \rightarrow -3R_1 + R_3 \quad \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ k-2 & k & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & k+2 \end{pmatrix}$$

When $k + 2 \neq 0$ $r(A)=3$

Therefore, System has no solution.

If $k = -2$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ -4 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad R_2 \rightarrow 2R_1 + R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \therefore r(A) = 1$$

$$\therefore 2x + y - z = 0$$

Let $y = \alpha$, $z = \beta$ (z is Free variables)

$$x = \frac{\beta - \alpha}{3} \quad (x \text{ is leading variable})$$

Q (2) Find the rank of the coefficient matrix and the augmented matrix of the system of the system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + 3z &= 1 \\2x + y - z &= 16 \\x + 5y + az &= b\end{aligned}$$

where a and b are two parameters. Hence find the value of a and b for the system of equations has (1) No solution

(ii) Exactly one solution

(iii) Infinitely many solutions.

Solve the system of equations for which $a=8$ and $b=-3$

Solution:

$$(A/b) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 & 16 \\ 1 & 5 & a & b \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}R_3 &\rightarrow -R_1 + R_3 \\R_2 &\rightarrow -2R_1 + R_2\end{aligned} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -7 & 14 \\ 0 & 3 & a-3 & b-1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow -R_2 + R_3 \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -7 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & a-10 & b+13 \end{array} \right)$$

When $a \neq 10$ $r(A/b) = 3$, and $r(A) = 3$

\therefore System is consistent and system has unique solution.

When $a = 10$, $b = 13$, then

$$r(A) = 2, \quad r(A/b) = 3$$

\therefore System is In consistent and system no solution.

When $a = 10$, $b = -13$, then

$$r(A) = 2, \quad r(A/b) = 2 \therefore \text{System is consistent and system has many solutions.}$$

If $a = 8$, $b = -3$

Reduce matrix becomes

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & -3 & -7 & 14 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 10 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & -3 & -7 \\ 0 & 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 14 \\ 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-2z = 10 \Rightarrow z = -5$$

$$-3y - 7z = +14 \Rightarrow y = 3$$

$$x + 2y + 3z = 1 \Rightarrow x = 10$$

Q 3. State whether each of the following systems is either “determined”, ‘underdetermined’ or ‘overdetermined’. Then reduce the augmented matrix to its echelon form using elementary row transformations (i.e. implement the method of Gaussian elimination). Hence determine which systems are ‘consistent’ (in which case either state the ‘unique solution’ if there is one, or classify the set of infinite solutions) or ‘not consistent’ (there is no solution).

$$\begin{aligned} & x - y + 2z = -2 \\ \text{(a)} \quad & 3x - 2y + 4z = -5 \\ & 2y - 3z = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & x - 2y + 2z = -3 \\ \text{(b)} \quad & 2x + y - 3z = 8 \\ & -x + 3y + 2z = -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 2x + 2y + z = 2 \\ \text{(c)} \quad & -x + y - 2z = -5 \\ & x - 3y - z = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 3x + y + z = 8 \\ \text{(d)} \quad & 3x - y + 2z = 3 \\ & x + y + z = 6 \\ & -2x + 2y - 3z = -7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & -3w + x - 2y + 13z = -3 \\ \text{(e)} \quad & 2w - 3x + y - 8z = 2 \\ & w + 4x + 3y - 9z = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: (a)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

System is determined since there are 3 variables and 3 equations

Suppose augmented matrix

$$(A/b) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 2 & | & -2 \\ 3 & -2 & 4 & | & -5 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 & | & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & | & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & -3 & | & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & -2 & | & -2 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 & | & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & | & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ This is the Echelon form of matrix and}$$

$$r(A)=3, \quad r(A/b)=3$$

\therefore System is consistent and has unique solution.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} z = 0 \\ y - 2z = 1, \quad y = 1 \\ \underline{\underline{x - y + 2z = -2, \quad x = -1}} \end{array}$$

(b) System is determined

$$(A/b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & | & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -3 & | & -8 \\ -1 & 3 & -2 & | & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_3 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & | & -3 \\ 0 & 5 & -7 & | & 14 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & | & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$R_3 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & | & -3 \\ 0 & 5 & -7 & | & 14 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & | & -8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$R_2 \longleftrightarrow R_3 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & | & -3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 & | & -8 \\ 0 & 5 & -7 & | & 14 \end{pmatrix} \text{ This is the Echelon form, } r(A)=3, r(A/b)=3$$

\therefore System is consistent and system has unique solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & -27 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -8 \\ 54 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$-27z = 54 \Rightarrow z = -2$$

$$y + 4z = -8 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{x - 2y + 2z = -3 \Rightarrow x = 1}}$$

(c)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -3 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -5 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Now system is determined.

Now define augmented matrix (A / b)

$$(A/b) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & -5 \\ 1 & -3 & -1 & 4 \end{array} \right) R_1 \longleftrightarrow -2R_2$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & -1 & 4 \\ -1 & 1 & -2 & -5 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 2 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_3 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 8 & 3 & -6 \end{array} \right) R_3 \rightarrow 4R_2 + R_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -3 & -1 & 4 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -9 & -10 \end{array} \right) \text{ This is the Echelon form, } r(A)=3, r(A/b)=3$$

\therefore System is consistent and system has unique solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} 12 & -3 & -1 \\ 0 & -2 & -3 \\ 0 & 0 & -9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$9z = 10, \quad z = \frac{10}{9}$$

$$-2y - 3z = -1, \quad y = -\frac{7}{6}$$

$$x - 3y - z = 4 \quad x = \frac{29}{18}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -2 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 3 \\ 6 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}$$

System is over determined.

$$(A/b) = \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 3 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ -2 & 2 & -3 & -7 \end{array} \right) \quad R_1 \longleftrightarrow -2R_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 3 & -1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 2 & -3 & -7 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_2 \rightarrow 3R_1 + R_2 \\ R_3 \rightarrow -3R_1 + R_3 \\ R_4 \rightarrow 2R_1 + R_4 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -10 \\ 0 & -4 & -1 & -15 \\ 0 & 4 & -1 & 5 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow -2R_2 + R_4 \\ R_4 \rightarrow 2R_2 + R_4 \end{array}$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -5 & -15 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} R_3 \rightarrow -2R_2 + R_4 \\ R_4 \rightarrow R_3 + R_4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 & -10 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ This is the Echelon form, } \quad r(A)=3, \quad r(A/b)=3$$

∴ System is consistent and system has unique solution

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ -10 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$3z = 5 \Rightarrow z = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$-2y - 2z = -10$$

$$y + z = 5 \Rightarrow y = \frac{10}{3}$$

$$\underline{\underline{x + y + z = 6 \Rightarrow x = 1}}$$

(e)

$$\begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & -2 & 13 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 & -8 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & -9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u \\ x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Solution is under determined since there are 4 variables and have 3 equations.

$$\text{define } (A/b) = \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} -3 & 1 & -2 & 13 & -3 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 & -8 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & -9 & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_1 \longleftrightarrow R_3 \left(\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -9 & 1 \\ 2 & -3 & 1 & -8 & 2 \\ -3 & 1 & -2 & -13 & -3 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -9 & 1 & \\ 0 & -11 & -5 & 10 & 0 & \\ 0 & 13 & 7 & 14 & -10 & \end{array} \right) R_2 \rightarrow R_3 + R_2 \left(\begin{array}{ccccc|c} 1 & 4 & 3 & -9 & 1 & \\ 0 & 2 & 2 & 24 & -10 & \\ 0 & 13 & 7 & 14 & -10 & \end{array} \right) R_2 \rightarrow 7R_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & -9 & 1 \\ 0 & 14 & 14 & 168 & -70 \\ 0 & 13 & 7 & 14 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_2 \rightarrow -\mathbf{R}_3 + \mathbf{R}_2$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & -9 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & 154 & -60 \\ 0 & 13 & 7 & 14 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_3 \rightarrow -13\mathbf{R}_2 + \mathbf{R}_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & -9 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & 154 & -60 \\ 0 & 13 & 7 & 14 & -10 \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_3 \rightarrow -13\mathbf{R}_2 + \mathbf{R}_3$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 & 3 & -9 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 7 & 154 & -60 \\ 0 & 0 & 84 & -1988 & 770 \end{pmatrix} \text{ This is the Echelon form}$$

$r(A) = 3, \quad r(A/b) = 3 \therefore$ System is consistent and has many solutions.

Q(4) Solve the following systems of equations using Gaussian elimination. For what values of b are these systems consistent?

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{(a)} \quad \begin{array}{l} x - 2y + 2z = -3 \\ 2x + y - 3z = 8 \\ 9x - 3y - 3z = b \end{array} \quad \text{(b)} \quad \begin{array}{l} 2x + 3y = 7 \\ x - y = 1 \\ bx + 2y = 8 \end{array} \end{array}$$

Solution: (a)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 9 & -3 & -3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 8 \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Define augmented matrix (A/b)

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 & 8 \\ 9 & -3 & -3 & b \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{R}_2 \rightarrow -2\mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{R}_2 \\ \mathbf{R}_3 \rightarrow -9\mathbf{R}_1 + \mathbf{R}_3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 & 14 \\ 0 & 15 & -21 & 27 + b \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{R}_3 \rightarrow -3\mathbf{R}_2 + \mathbf{R}_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & -2 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 5 & -7 & +4 \\ 0 & 15 & -21 & b-15 \end{array} \right) \text{ This is the Echelon form of matrix}$$

when $b - 15 \neq 0$ $r(A/b) = 3$, $r(A) = 2$

when $b = 15$, $r(A) = 2$, $r(A/b) = 2$

System is consistent and has many solutions.

$$5y - 7z = 14$$

$$x - 2y + 2z = -3$$

Let $z = t$ (t is a parameter)

$$y = \frac{14 + 7t}{5}$$

$$x = \frac{13 + 4t}{5}$$

(b)

$$\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \\ b & +2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 1 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Define } r(A/b) = \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 2 & 2 & 7 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ b & 2 & 8 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow -2R_1 + R_2 \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 5 \\ 0 & b+2 & 8-b \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_2 \rightarrow -\frac{1}{4}R_2 \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{4} \\ 0 & b+2 & \frac{11}{2} - 13\frac{b}{4} \end{array} \right)$$

This is the Echelon form of matrix and $r(A) = 2$ $r(A/b) = 3$ of

$$\frac{11}{2} - \frac{13b}{4} \neq 0 \Rightarrow 13b - 22 \neq 0 \Rightarrow b \neq \frac{22}{13}$$

When $13b-22=0$, then $r(A)=r(a/b)=2$ system is consistent and has unique solution.